

Amendments to the claims

Applicants confirm that all of claims 1-34 presented in applicants' Request for Continued Examination filed 19 June 2002 have been cancelled.

Misnumbered claims 1-26 presented in applicants' Preliminary Amendment submitted 30 April 2004 have been renumbered claims 35-60, in consecutive order, with the following exception pertaining to three dependent claims that were numbered 17-19 in said Preliminary Amendment:

1. The dependent claim numbered 19 in the Preliminary Amendment has been renumbered claim 51;
2. The dependent claim numbered 17 in the Preliminary Amendment has been renumbered claim 52;
3. The dependent claim numbered 18 in the Preliminary Amendment has been renumbered claim 53;